

Summertime Is Fun Time For Cub Scouts

Plan to give the members of your pack a quality Cub Scout program in the summer months and earn the National Summertime Pack Award, too. A boy registers for a year and deserves a full year of Cub Scout fun and activities. Having a summer program keeps a pack healthy, parents interested, and Cub Scouts eager to register for another year. Your pack must qualify before dens and individual Cub Scouts may be recognized.

The Requirements

All the pack has must do is to plan and conduct a monthly pack activity for June, July, and August. The whole idea is to keep your pack together and to do things during the summer when boys have plenty of free time.

After conducting these three activities the pack qualifies for the pack award. Complete the application form on page 6 and submit it to any Council Service Center.

Recognition

A pack committee member should keep the record of activities, participation of dens, and attendance of Cub Scouts. Submit the application form to a Greater St. Louis Area Council Service Center after the last August activity. An appropriate pack meeting ceremony should be planned for the presentation of the awards, which are:

For the Pack—A full-color certificate suitable for framing and attractive streamer for the pack flag.

For the dens of the award-earning

pack—A den ribbon for each den that has 50 percent or more of its boys participating in each of the three activities.

For the boys of the award-winning pack—A pin for each boy who takes part in all three of the summer activities.

How To Plan

- Use a planning chart as a place to record your proposed and completed pack activities.
- Planning for summertime activities should be part of the annual planning conference. At that conference, leaders accept the challenge to earn the National Summertime Pack Award. The pack committee should make suggestions for activities, check themes in *Cub Scout Program Helps*, and, if desired, appoint a task force to give leadership to the summer program.
- At the April pack leaders' meeting, this task force should have specific recommendations to make. Parents and families should be involved from the beginning, but make this an item on the agenda for the April pack meeting.
- Schedule your plans round family vacation times. Get ideas at Roundtables. Secure a list of community events as well as district and council events in which your pack can participate. Avoid date conflicts. Do not schedule a pack activity at the same time as a major community event that the families may want



to take part in. However, some pack meetings may coincide with and be part of some major events.

- Check with your chartered organization both to get their full support for your plans and to be sure there is no conflict with events they have scheduled.
- Use the summertime program as a way to bring more boys into the Cub Scout family. Invite Cub Scout-age boys and their families to take part as guests.

It is a great opportunity for them to see first-hand the fun of the Cub Scout program. Form new dens as necessary to accommodate new members.

- Webelos den leaders can use summertime activities to support activity badges. Plan trips, tours, and sport events around the badges that boys are working on.
- Use parents as organizers and leaders of activities. Involve all family members—grandparents, brothers, sisters. Any family member who may have been too busy to be active during the fall and spring should be asked to help with the summer program.
- Promote the summertime program as being great for those families who will not be going away on vacation. Make your plans sound like a stay-at-home vacation.
- Use the council's *Places to Go* directory, published and distributed annually, to plan interesting trips and activities. The directory also is available at www.stlbsa.org.

Application for National Summertime Pack Award



District _____

This is to certify that Cub Scout Pack _____, chartered to _____ has qualified for this award by conducting a pack activity during the summer months of this calendar year.

	June	July	August
Type of pack activity <small>(three activities qualify)</small>	_____	_____	_____
Number of dens qualifying <small>(50 percent of Cubs participating)</small>	_____	_____	_____
No. of Scouts participating	_____	_____	_____

Please furnish us with the following National Summertime Pack Award items:

- _____ One Pack Award certificate
- _____ One Pack Award Streamer (No. 7717)
- _____ den participation ribbons (No. 7715)

We plan to purchase _____ Cub Scout summertime Award pins (No. 464). Pins are optional and must be purchased at Scout Shops.

Unit leader submitting application (please print) _____

Award items will be presented at district Cub Scout Roundtables.

To assure prompt recognition, submit this application to a Council Service Center immediately after your August activity.